



# Diamond Lake Lutheran Church

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*Inviting all people to a life in Christ*

*Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost*

*September 5, 2010*

*Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship today, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of the Christ in the blessed sacrament and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TRINITY CHIMES**

‡ Worship begins on page 2 of "Now the Feast and Celebration" booklet

**HYMNS**

**GATHERING SONG:** *O God beyond All Praising* .....ELW 880

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (1,4)*.....ELW 802

**COMMUNION HYMN:** *Oh, That the Lord*.....ELW 772

**SENDING SONG:** *Lift High the Cross* .....ELW 660

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: DEUTERONOMY 30:15–20**

*Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.*

R: A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, the 30<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against

you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING: PHILEMON 1:1–21**

*While Paul was in prison, he was aided by a runaway slave named Onesimus. The slave's master, Philemon, was a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to his master and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.*

R: A reading from Paul's letter to Philemon, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love — and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might

have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother — especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

‡ **GOSPEL: LUKE 14:25–33**

*Jesus speaks frankly about the fearsome costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.*

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**DIAMOND LAKE MINISTERS**

Senior Pastor ..... *Rev. Mark N. Orvick*  
Associate Pastor ..... *Rev. Amy C. Thoren*  
Organist ..... *Richard Neighbor*  
Senior Choir Director ..... *Dr. Bruce Gleason*  
Youth Choir Director ..... *Paul Batz*  
Spirit & K-3 Choirs Director ..... *Ben Wagner*  
Youth Choir Accompanist ..... *Kevin Hobbs*  
Carillon & Children's Bell Choirs Director ..... *Chuck Linderkamp*

**SERVANTS FOR TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2010**

	9:30a
<i>Acolytes</i>	Carissa Shern, Tim Eidsmoe
<i>Coffee Hosts</i>	Audrey Wessling
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Russ & Jan Michaletz
<i>Cued Speech</i>	
<i>Greeters</i>	Olaf & Amy Minge & Family, Allen & Rita Gehrke & Family
<i>Nursery Volunteers*</i>	
<i>Pursers</i>	Jeff Bureau, TR Mahler
<i>Reader</i>	Betsy Willey
<i>Ushers</i>	<b>Graydon Royce</b> , Roy Willey

**SERVANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2010**

	<b>9:30a</b>
<i>Acolytes</i>	John Degelau, Audrey Powell
<i>Children's Message</i>	Kathi Gallup
<i>Coffee Hosts</i>	Alex Gonzalez, Doris Erickson
<i>Cued Speech</i>	
<i>Greeters</i>	Tom & Ruth Ann Larson, Rhoda Holte
<i>Musicians</i>	Agape Quintet
<i>Nursery Volunteers*</i>	Julie Schmidt
<i>Pursers</i>	Bob Gustafson
<i>Reader</i>	Bob Kresse
<i>Ushers</i>	<b>Kirk Gallup</b> , Mark Bergman, Ransom Williams, Connor Bass

*\*Nursery Volunteers assist the permanent Nursery Staff.*